

CAROLINA NEGRO PREACHERS.

Their Method of Evolution—Some Sermons From Life. (Olive F. Gunley in New York Evening Post.)

Every South Carolina plantation of any size boasts its local negro preacher, a unique individuality silhouetted in bold relief against the background of his simple-hearted constituency.

The "local preacher" is seldom educated. He is self-educated, and by dint of much conning of the spelling-book and a close imitation of the words and manners of more advanced divines, he is able to read a very impressive chapter from the Bible, the obscurity of meaning in certain passages not being remarked by the congregation or, if remarked, attributed to a superior wisdom which they never hope to emulate.

The "local preacher" is distinct from his authorized colleague of the conference, who is appointed to preach only two or three times a month, administer Communion, take up collections, and perform such other exalted services as shall please him.

On another occasion at Ebenezer, while Ike Bathune, one of the local leaders, was working up a big revival, a white preacher offered to help Ike, and in a preliminary conversation asked him the prevailing sins of his congregation.

The evolution of the plantation preacher is interesting. Impressive and deep-drawn sermons and energetic responses of "Da, Lord!" "Dat's so!" "Amen!" blurted out from a full heart during meetings, are the first intimation that he is affected by the spirit.

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Visiting in North Carolina some years ago, I was urged by a colored attendant to go to a camp meeting near by to hear an "edification" (educated) preacher. I went, and this was part of the sermon I heard.

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Before going further I may as well state explicitly what bouillabaisse is and how it is prepared. There are two ways of cooking bouillabaisse. For the first you prepare the coarse whitening of the Mediterranean haddock, and two other fish called "grondin" and "rascause."

When the glue has been spread on the paper the powdered glass must be sifted on through an appropriate sieve. This operation also requires considerable skill, though not so much as the spreading of the glue. For the glass must not be sifted merely in such a manner as to use a given quantity to a sheet, but so that each sheet may be covered evenly.

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